

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 2, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 88, SB 168

Executive Action: HB 271, HB 320, HB 68

00:00:01 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:42 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 168, Revise highway and transportation laws.

(Rep. Wilson arrived.)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:19 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:14 Rep. MacDonald

00:09:39 Sen. Zinke

00:09:59 Rep. MacDonald

00:10:04 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:10:17 Sen. Zinke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:48 Sen. Zinke

HEARING ON SB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:52 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 88, Revise and clarify school speed zone law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:03 George Littlefield, Great Falls, Montana

EXHIBIT(trh24a01)

00:20:55 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

00:22:51 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

00:23:31 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance, American Insurance Association

00:24:09 Jesse Slaughter, Great Falls Police Department,
Montana Police Protector Association, Great Falls
Police Protector Association

(Rep. Arntzen arrived.)

00:27:39 Linda Gryczan

EXHIBIT (trh24a02)

00:28:53 Bob Runkel, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public
Instruction

00:29:41 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:31:28 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff, HD 26, Great Falls

00:33:42 Eddie Black, Montana School Board Association

00:34:00 Sen. Joe Tropila, SD 13, Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:57 Sen. Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 320

00:35:59 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 320 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:36:13 Rep. Kottel

00:36:37 Rep. Barrett

00:37:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 320 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:38:34 Rep. Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 271

00:38:46 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 271 DO PASS.**

00:38:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 271 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306

00:39:52 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:40:12 Ms. Weiss
00:40:57 Chairman Sonju
00:41:31 Rep. Vance
00:41:54 Rep. Berry
00:42:11 Rep. MacDonald

00:42:34 Rep. Ebinger withdrew his motion without objection.

00:42:48 Rep. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 68

00:43:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 68 DO PASS.**

00:44:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 68 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
EXHIBIT (trh24a03)

00:45:13 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 68 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:25 Rep. Barrett
00:47:08 Rep. Berry
00:47:48 Rep. Randall
00:48:36 Rep. Ebinger
00:48:56 Rep. Taylor
00:49:57 Rep. Barrett
00:50:38 Rep. Vance

00:52:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep.
Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Kottel, Rep. MacDonald,
Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting aye.

00:53:39 Rep. Ebinger
00:53:51 Rep. Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

00:54:41 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh24aad.pdf](#))